

RUSSIA JUBILANT
AT PERSIA'S DOOM

Great Britain's "Pliancy," She
Thinks, Opens to Czar's
Army the Way to the
Persian Gulf.

TEHERAN TO BE OCCUPIED

Confident That the Peremptory
Language from England Which
Alone Can Prevent That
Eventuality Will Not
Be Forthcoming.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—Rejoicing not
squelled in many years prevails among
Russian expansionists. England's pliancy
in Persia has led them to jump to the
conclusion that the way to the Persian
Gulf is opening before the Russian
army, and the conservative and the pro-
governmental organs are frankly jubilant.

Northern Persia is already occupied
by Russia. For two years a Russian gar-
rison has held Tabriz, and now Kaspian
has been seized, as well as the ports of
Resht and Enzeli.

Only peremptory language from Eng-
land can prevent the occupation of Te-
heran and the complete triumph of Rus-
sia in Northern Persia. That the Russian
commander in chief considers his
advance permanent is indicated by the
construction of regular barracks at Ta-
briz and Kaspian.

The expansionist press is urging the
government to take still more energetic
measures, recommending the restoration
of the ex-Shah to power, the destruction
of the Persian constitution and the re-
moval from northern Persia of every
non-Russian foreign administrator.

The rising outcry in England against
Russia and the British government's
policy in Persia has caused the govern-
ment here to issue diplomatic sedatives,
but talk of preserving Persian indepen-
dence while Russia is represented in that
country by thousands of troops is recog-
nized here as mere cynical imposture.

Inquiries show that neither the Czar nor
his ministers really fear effective oppo-
sition from England in northern Persia.
They say that England, no matter how
hot public opinion may become, will
never go to war and drive Russia out.

Sixty thousand Russian troops are
being held ready to march into Persia
at a moment's notice. These can be de-
tached instantly from the Transcau-
casian army. If this happens both the
ex-Shah and his son will give place in
Teheran to a Russian governor-general
appointed from St. Petersburg.

Confidential conversations in high po-
litical quarters here are now marked by
jokes and ridicule touching the naïveté
of the English foreign policy in the
middle East in recent times. During
the whole of the nineteenth century
England fought to keep Russia as far
as possible from India. Afghanistan
and Persia were jealously preserved as
buffer states, and the passes over the
Pamir plateau were guarded so care-
fully that the cleverest Russian officers
could not approach them.

Yet the same Colonel Liakoff, who
bombed the Persian Parliament as
commander of the so-called Persian Cos-
sacks, and who, as admitted by Sir Ed-
ward Grey in the House of Commons,
was in the Persian state service dis-
guised as a merchant and provided with
Persian passports, surveyed these passes
and collected information as to where
water was to be found and where cat-
tle, horses, provisions and forage for
troops might be obtained.

This precious information was not for
the Shah. It is now safely in the pos-
session of the General Staff in Tiflis and
St. Petersburg. It was for this service
that Liakoff, then a captain, was pro-
moted to the rank of colonel in the Rus-
sian army. Yet Sir Edward Grey is so
ill informed as to assure the House of
Commons that Colonel Liakoff is not
connected with the Russian army or
with Russian interests.

SAYS 'ACTOR' SNATCHED BAG

Complainant Touched When Man
Hunt Ends in Capture.

The histrionic ability of Sixto San-
chez, a Cuban actor, almost got him out
of the embarrassing position in which
he placed himself yesterday afternoon
after he had been arrested for snatching
the handbag of Mrs. Frank A. Shep-
herd, of No. 322 West 23d street, as she
came out of Gimbel's department store.
Mrs. Shepherd had started across the
avenue toward Broadway when a man
grabbed her bag and began to run. A
crowd of men and women pursued him,
among them Willard Himes, a motor-
cycle patrolman of Traffic Squad C, who
had heard the cries and jumped fifteen
feet from the first landing of the ele-
vated stairway to join the chase. Himes
caught Sanchez and started for the
West 30th street station with Mrs. Shep-
herd and a mob of the curious following.
There Sanchez wept, implored, de-
nounced and threatened in both Span-
ish and English, and so touched the
sympathy of Mrs. Shepherd that Lieu-
tenant Hart had trouble in getting her
to make a complaint.

JUDGE CHARLTON HERE, HURT

His Son, Porter, Still in Jail, Accused
of Killing Wife in Italy.

Judge Paul Charlton, of the United States
Court in Porto Rico, who reached here
yesterday on the steamer Carolina, from
San Juan, was confined to his stateroom
throughout the trip on the steamer, suffer-
ing from the effects of a recent trolley
accident in which he sustained a broken
leg.

Porter Charlton, his son, is still confined
in the Hudson County, N. J., jail, await-
ing some definite disposition of the charge
against him of having slain his wife in
Italy.

Antidiphtheria Whiskey is quite unlike
other. It's just this difference that empha-
sises its popularity. For the Times, N. Y.,
Advt.

The Great Game

By Samuel Hopkins Adams
Chester Ker gets keener and
keener on its scent, and con-
founds a few village wiseacres,
in the third instalment of the
best detective story of the year.
See next Sunday's Magazine
of the

New-York Tribune

TWO SOUND BOATS GO
ASHORE NEAR HELL GATE

Forty Passengers Taken from
Chelsea, of Norwich Line.
Held Up a Day by Fog.

SHIP CLOSE BY ESCAPES

Captain and Crew Stay on Board
the Crippled Steamer, Which
Is Reported Leaking—
Freighter in Trouble.

With forty passengers on board, the
steamer Chelsea, of the Norwich Line,
went ashore off the Sunken Meadows
late last night. Because of the heavy
fog, which, according to harbor men, is
the worst in years, it was nearly two
hours before help came and the passen-
gers got off. Early this morning, it was
reported, the freight steamer New Ha-
ven, of the New England Navigation
company, had gone ashore further up
the Sound.

The Chelsea left New London on Sun-
day and was due to arrive in this city
early Monday morning. Because of the
heavy fog Captain John Wilcox decided
to lie at anchor until the fog lifted.
About 4 o'clock the captain decided to
try to make his pier. He was closely
followed by the steamer Tennessee. For
an hour the Chelsea proceeded slowly
down the Sound, when the fog again
became dense, and before Captain Wil-
cox realized his danger the vessel had
gone ashore.

Immediately he began to blow a dis-
tress signal, thus saving the steamer
Tennessee from running into danger, as
it was believed she was only a short
distance behind. As it was, the captain
of the Tennessee veered out of the course
and just escaped crashing into the Chelsea.

The whistles of the Chelsea attracted
the attention of Charles Witzel, who
owns the launch Bronx No. 1. He im-
mediately put out in his boat, but it was
some time before he could reach the
Chelsea. To add to the difficulties, a
heavy tide was running at the time, and
three trips were necessary before the
passengers could be taken off. All the
passengers were landed at 132d street
and the East River.

It was reported early this morning
that the Chelsea was leaking, but it is
not believed that she will sink. The
captain and the crew are still on board.
New London, Conn., Dec. 11.—The
freight steamer New Haven, running
from New York to New Bedford, is
grounded in Long Island Sound, accord-
ing to a wireless message received here.
Her exact position is not known. The
boat carries no passengers. A tugboat
has gone to her assistance.

The New Haven left her berth at Pier
40 about 8 o'clock last night. She pro-
ceeded slowly up the East River, and
nothing was heard from her until mid-
night, when she sent out wireless calls
for aid.

INTRUDER ALMOST KILLED

Crushed in Elevator, Freed,
Fights on Roof—Held as Thief.

Certainly "Joe" Costello had a strenu-
ous time of it in a Harlem apartment
house last night before he was taken to
the East 14th street station, where he
was held on a burglary charge.

The first persons who saw Costello in
the house, which is the Kaimaha, at No.
570 West 111th street, at the corner of
Lenox avenue, were Mrs. Max Rosenthal
and her sister, Miss Sadie Zucca, twenty
years old.

"I'm looking for a family named Wil-
liams," he said hastily, as he backed out
of the apartment and into the private
hall. Mrs. Rosenthal and Miss Zucca
followed him and called to William
Adams, the negro elevator boy, who had
just run up his car. Adams did not
question the man's story, but told him
he would have to get out of the house,
and grabbing Costello by the shoulder
yanked him into the car. The fight
began then and continued, amid the yells
of Adams and the shrieks of the women,
until John Moses, a negro hallboy, ran
up the stairs.

Between them they got Costello in the
car and started it down, with more fight-
ing going on. At the ground floor one
held Costello, while the other started for
a policeman, but the man broke away
and leaped into the car, whose door was
open. He jerked the lever and the car
shot up. At the second floor he tried to
jump out, but fell sprawling on his face.
He scrambled, and Adams, standing on
the ground floor, grabbed the control
rope and reversed the car. A half second
more and Costello would have been
plunged between the floor of the car and
the roof of the second floor.

On the roof the three had a fierce
struggle a minute later. The women
ran downstairs and got Patrolman
West, of the East 10th street station.
Some one had called the station
on the telephone, and Detectives Eng-
land and Ditch and Patrolman West all
got to the roof about the same time.
They "subdued" Costello, as the police
pleasantly put it.

SPRING WEATHER UPSTATE.

Watkinsburg, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Weather un-
precedented within the memory of the
present generation prevails in Northern
New York. The mercury today registers
62 and many roads are dry and hard. The
lowest recorded temperature since last
Tuesday was 15. A year ago to-day the
mercury stood at 4 below zero.

ANGSTURA BITTERS prevents ill ef-
fects from over-eating.—Advt.

QUICK WORK PREVENTS

RUIN OF CONEY ISLAND

Luna Park Fire Would Have
Swept All Before It Had Wind
Blown with Any Force.

SAVED BY HIGH PRESSURE

Battalion Chief Rogers Turns in
Fourth Alarm Immediately
After First, When He
Sees Serious Peril.

Luna Park, the original Luna of
Coney Island, broke out in flames yes-
terday afternoon, and for almost an
hour it seemed as if the fire was going
to repeat the performance of last spring
at Dreamland. Good, swift work by
the firemen, however, together with fine
aid from the high pressure service, got
the blaze under control by about 4
o'clock, with a damage which Fred
Thompson, the owner, figured at some-
thing in the neighborhood of \$150,000
and which the police called \$50,000. A
representative of the park said last
night that it would be open to-day for
one day only to show that no serious
harm had been done to the resort.

The first alarm rang in at 2:55 p. m.
That was an automatic from the res-
taurant building, in which the fire
started. The box on Surf avenue in
front of the park, was pulled a minute
later, and Battalion Chief Rogers, tak-
ing no chances when he saw flames
shooting up for forty feet above the
minarets of the big amusement ground,
sent in the "fourth" alarm immedi-
ately. Second and third alarms were
skipped, and Rogers's "fourth" call
brought almost all the apparatus in
South Brooklyn, together with Deputy
Chiefs Martin and Lally.

In the kitchen of the restaurant, at
the centre of the east end of the park,
where the fire was first noted, Thomp-
son's employees could not imagine what
could have been responsible for the out-
break of the blaze. The kitchen and
restaurant are used only for feeding the
park force during the season and were
all boarded up for the winter.

Fifty men, two elephants and a half
dozen burros were the only living things
in Luna Park yesterday. That force
comprises the winter equipment.

Thompson in Record Auto Trip.
Fred Thompson was at the Algonquin
Hotel, in Manhattan, when he got news
of the fire, and his chauffeur took him
to Luna Park in thirty-five minutes, the
last mile on a flat tire.

When it was all over and the losses
were found to be confined to the res-
taurant, the Pneumatic Tube, the Old
Mill and "Checkers," three of the
amusement devices, and a scenery stor-
age house, Mr. Thompson said:

"I consider that I was mighty lucky.
The city fire department did fine work,
and I'll have all that replaced long be-
fore the next season opens."

Deputy Chief Lally opined that the fire
had been held to such a small compass
because of four things—the good work
of the firemen, the prompt response of
the high pressure system to all calls
made upon it, the fact that there was
practically no wind blowing at the time
of the fire, and the fact that the struc-
tures were all damp from the recent
snow. Looking at it from the main en-
trance the big park showed no damage
from the fire whatever, as all the burned
structures were far over on the opposite
side.

Sea Beach Palace, the dance hall and
roller skating rink which adjoin Luna
Park on the east side, seemed likely to
be caught by the flames soon after they
were discovered, but the firemen held
the blaze away from that building, which
they feared would have given it a roar-
ing impetus to travel further. Sea Beach
Palace is an old structure, largely of
wood, and the firemen were afraid that
if it caught they would have great trou-
ble in stopping the further spread of the
flames. It was scorched up a little but
not enough to do it any damage.

Henry Riehl, the superintendent of the
carpenters at Luna Park, was the first
man to see the blaze when it ate its way
through the roof and walls of the res-
taurant kitchen. About the same time
Jesse Sherwood, of Peltman's, discov-
ered it, and when they had pulled the
blaze away from that building, which
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Chief Loss in Scenery.
Thompson estimated that his chief loss
would fall on the scenery storage house,
in which he had been keeping a mass of
scenery used at various times in his
theatrical productions and in scores of
the side shows of Luna Park. There was
no insurance on either buildings or con-
tents in the park, the owner said.

The weather vane, which topped the
minaret over the restaurant building,
was the one feature over which Thomp-
son seemed to grieve.

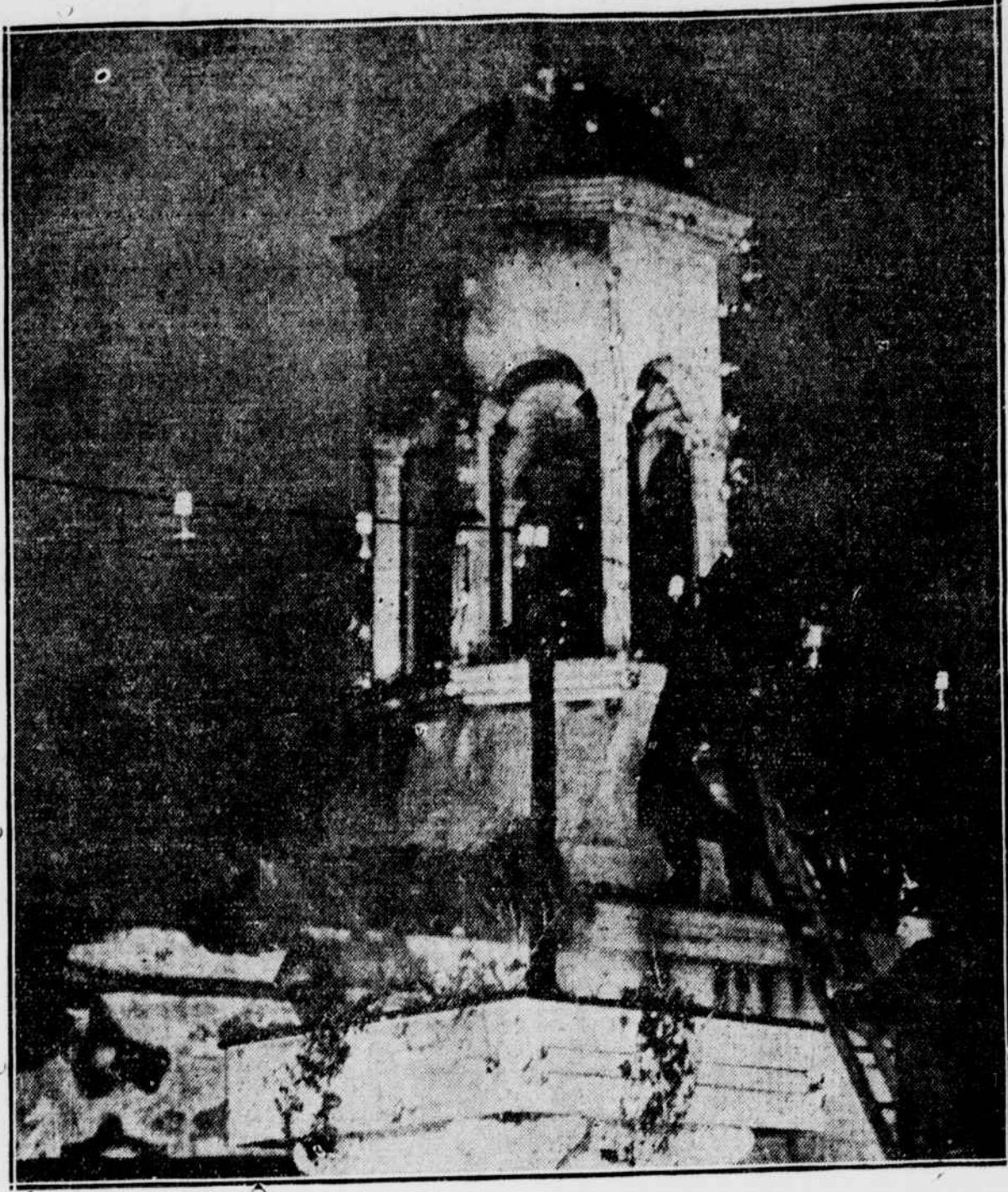
"In the season," he said, "I always used
to look at that weather vane the first
thing in the morning, and if it was
pointing toward me that meant money.

When it was pointed toward the office
there was a northwest wind blowing,
and that always meant fair weather and
good crowds. I'll get those two elephants
and now helping to pull away the wreck-
age, and as soon as I get the res-
taurant replaced I'll top it with another
weather vane."

Coney Island's winter population was
roused to high excitement by the fire,
particularly in its early stages. At that
time, just after 3 o'clock, the flames
were shooting up to a height of some
forty feet, and the danger for the whole
resort seemed to be great. Battalion
Chief Rogers felt the same way about it
when he first saw it, and he decided to
play it safe by getting plenty of ap-
paratus there as quickly as possible.
His "fourth" alarm started so many
companies "rolling" that the fire was
under control before the last of them
could get there.

An Acceptable Christmas Present.
Case of Selected Wines, 11 00, 2 00, 3 00, 4 00,
5 00, 6 00, 7 00, 8 00, 9 00, 10 00, 11 00, 12 00.
H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., N. Y.
—Advt.

LUNA PARK SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.



FIREMEN WORKING ON ONE OF THE PARK TOWERS.
(Photo by American Press Association.)

DRIVER KILLED BY
MISSILE FROM ROOF

Police Have Two Prisoners, One
of Whom Went Out with the
Striking Street Cleaners.

FINGER PRINTS MAY HELP

Police Say 25-Pound Piece of
Flagging, Which Hit Base of
Victim's Skull, Re-
tains Marks.

Violence is not all done with in the
street cleaning drivers' strike. Yester-
day another man was killed in a das-
tardly fashion in the lower East Side.
He was a driver, and while he stooped
to shovel rubbish in his cart a man
standing on top of a five-story tenement
house in Third street hurled down a
25-pound piece of flagging, killing the
driver instantly. The murdered man is
thought to be William Sweeney, of
Holtsville, Long Island.

Detectives arrested a man named
Joseph Wince, of No. 241 Third street,
the house next door to the one from
which the stone was thrown. He was in
bed, apparently asleep, and disclaimed
all knowledge of the affair, even after
he had seen the body. The detectives
say that when he viewed it he shook
like an aspen. It may be that finger-
prints will lead to the detection of the
guilty man, for the stone was newly-
torn from a courtyard, and not only
dusty but moist enough to retain im-
pressions.

Later George Hendrich, of No. 18
Avenue B, formerly in the employ of the
Department of Street Cleaning, was
locked up in the Union Market station,
charged with being a suspicious person.
The police say Wince gave them the in-
formation on which the arrest was made,
declaring that Hendrich "knew something
about the case."

The driver left one of the department
stables at No. 349 Rivington street
about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and
went about his task of cleaning up the
garbage and rubbish in Third street.
He was driving cart No. 127 and was
accompanied by Foreman Sullivan and
Patrolman Manning, of the Fifth
street station, who was assigned to
strike duty. Sweeney—if it was Sweeney
who was killed—had about finished up
and was on his way to the department
dock with a cart of rubbish when Fore-
man Sullivan, seeing that the cart had
not been quite filled, ordered the driver
to remove two small piles of garbage in
front of No. 239 Third street. Sullivan
and Manning were standing near the
man when he bent over to pick up some
of the refuse with his shovel.

Without any warning a piece of stone
flagging, a foot square and several
inches thick, came whizzing from the
roof of the tenement house and struck
Sweeney in the back of the neck. He
fell lifeless on the pile of rubbish.

The patrolman whipped out his whis-
tle, and Patrolman Maloney, of the
Fifth street station, who was at Second
street and Avenue C, came running up.
The two began their search, Maloney
rushing to the roof of the building and
crossing to other households, while Man-
ning hurried from flat to flat in the
house, asking questions of the tenants.
He got little satisfaction at best, but
Manning did something valuable, the
police say, when he wrapped the piece
of flagging carefully in a newspaper
and took it to the station.

The body was removed to the 5th
street station, and Detective Lieutenant
Derrington and Detectives Lubers, Kemp
and Pfister started to work on the case.
One of the first things they found out

ELIOT'S CONDITION SERIOUS

Has Fairly Good Night and No
Complications Have Set In.

Columbia, Ceylon, Dec. 11.—The con-
dition of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president
emeritus of Harvard University, who
was operated on for appendicitis a few
days ago, is still considered serious.

President Eliot passed a fairly good
night, however, and so far, according to
the reports of the attending physicians
to-day, no complications have set in.

Boston, Dec. 11.—A cable message
was received here from Kandy, Ceylon,
to-day stating that Dr. Eliot had passed
a satisfactory day.

DAUGHTER FOR ALFONSO

Queen of Spain Gives Birth to
Her Fifth Child.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—Queen Victoria
of Spain gave birth to a daughter this
morning.

This is the fifth child born to Queen Vi-
ctoria, the fourth being stillborn. King Al-
fonso and Victoria Ena, Princess of Batten-
berg, were married May 31, 1906. Their
first child, Prince Alfonso, was born May
19, 1907. The other children are Prince
Jamil and Princess Beatrice.

DONE WITH DR. HILPRECHT

Tablet Controversy Closed by
University of Pennsylvania.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)
Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The board of
trustees of the University of Pennsylv-
ania announced to-day that it has in-
vestigated the Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht
controversy and is done with the re-
sistant archaeologist. Dr. Hilprecht re-
signed from the faculty of the univer-
sity suddenly, saying that his ancient
tablets from Nippur had been mutilated
during an absence from Philadelphia.

LONDON ROBBER CARELESS

Lets Telephone Apparatus Fall
When Moving a Safe, and—

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
London, Dec. 12.—A burglary at the
Hackney Picture Palace Theatre yester-
day morning was frustrated in an
extraordinary manner. A telephone
operator in a local exchange received a
signal from the instrument which con-
nects the picture theatre. On answer-
ing it he received no reply, but heard
strange noises in the theatre.

He informed the police, who proceeded
at once to the spot and found the box
office in great confusion. A heavy iron
safe had been dislodged, and round it
were strewn burglars' tools, but no per-
son was found on the premises. It is
supposed that the burglars had secreted
themselves in the building after the per-
formance on Sunday night, and that in
attempts to remove the safe they
knocked off the telephone receiver, a
call being thus given to the exchange.
The burglars left very hurriedly, for
the safe had not been broken.

TO ATTACK PORTUGAL

Spanish and German Monarchs
Accused of Planning War.

Paris, Dec. 12.—"L'Humanité" pub-
lishes an article, signed "Fabra Ribas,"
accusing King Alfonso and the Spanish
Cabinet of acting in complicity with
Germany in an attempt to overthrow the
Portuguese Republic.

Ribas affirms that King Alfonso de-
cided to bombard Lisbon and was only
held back from so doing by considera-
tions as to what might be the attitude
of the Powers in such a proceeding on
the part of Spain.

He says that the Spanish government
favored in every way possible the royal-
ist conspirators in Galicia, taking meas-
ures against them only when Great Brit-
ain and France made representations on
the subject, and that the government is
now abetting the preparations for a new
descent by the royalists upon Portugal
for the end of December.

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Trains Daily. Superior service. 1213 B'way.
—Advt.

TAFT'S NOMINATION
IS STRONGLY URGED

Representatives in Congress
from Widely Separated Dis-
tricts Ask His Re-election.

INSURGENTS' CLAIMS FALSE

California and Kansas Swinging
from La Follette, Men from
Those States Assert, After
Careful Canvass.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, Dec. 11.—On the eve of
the meeting of the Republican National
Committee three Republican members
of the House, from widely separated
sections, advanced persuasive argu-
ments to-night why President Taft
should be renominated and re-elected.

Their opinions are typical of those of
the rank and file of the House, now
fighting to uphold the hands of the
President against Democratic opposi-
tion. If Congress will aid the President
during this session, according to Repre-
sentative Samuel W. McCall, of Massa-
chusetts, his election is assured.

"President Taft richly deserves both
renomination and re-election," said Mr.
McCall. "His administration has been
marked with courage and sincerity. He
has dealt intelligently with the most im-
portant problems which the country re-
cently has faced. The Mexican situa-
tion, for instance, might have involved
the country in war had it been handled
with less skill and less restraint than
that employed by President Taft. His
attitude toward Canada was dictated by
the best interests of this country, and
also by a broad-minded regard for the
prosperity of our nearest neighbor."

"Mr. Taft is adhering resolutely to the
principle that the tariff should be
nothing more than a fair difference be-
tween the cost of production at home
and abroad. Undoubtedly, if Congress
supports him, we shall have a tariff that
will accomplish that object as exactly as
it can be devised. The President's peace
treaties involved the most enlightened
application of world politics which the
country has ever witnessed. His ap-
pointments to the bench and to the
highest tribunals in the land have been
remarking good."

Sees No Serious Objection.

"I believe that the Republicans of the
country will show their appreciation of
the fine qualities of his administration
and will give him a renomination with-
out any serious contest. I am confident
that he will be renominated, and what
is better, I am likewise convinced that
the wisdom of his renomination will be
evidenced at the polls next November."

Bringing encouraging news from Cal-
ifornia, a state that has been "claimed"
by the Insurgents, Representative Julius
Kahn said:

"The country will be for President
Taft because of his broad-minded, pa-
triotic statesmanship. He is an Execu-
tive who has never attempted to play
to the galleries. He has shown that he
is absolutely fearless, and it cannot be
denied that he has given a good business
administration. I believe that the peo-
ple of the country are beginning to un-
derstand him thoroughly. They are plac-
ing more and more confidence in him.
Above all else, I think that he is the one
Republican who can be elected next year.
He not only fully deserves renomination
a re-election, but he is the logical can-
didate for the Republican party if it
wishes to achieve success at the polls a
year hence."

Despite insurgent claims, Representa-
tive Kahn believes that California will
send a delegation to the convention that

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TAFT WINS FIRST
MOVE IN CAMPAIGN

His Friends to Dominate Com-
mittee of Arrangements for
Convention, Though Fight
Was Made.

TROUBLE CAME FROM SOUTH

Hitchcock Was Credited with
Backing Movement to Keep
Captain New from the
Steering Job, but
Denied It.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A difference
which was not free from bitterness de-
veloped to-day over the proposition to
make Captain Harry S. New, national
committeeman from Indiana, chairman
of the committee on arrangements for
the next national convention. There are
few men in the Republican organization
who have had more experience than
Captain New, and it was supposed there
would be no objection to his selection
for a place for which he is pre-emi-
nently qualified.

The situation, however, cleared late
in the evening. At the President's
dinner to the committeemen there was
no open discussion of politics. But it
became known immediately after the
diners had adjourned that Secretary
Hilles and other supporters of President
Taft had won a complete victory and
that Captain New undoubtedly would
head the sub-committee on arrange-
ments.

Taft Men in Full Control.

It also was evident that the Taft
forces would control the entire mem-
bership of the sub-committee and that
the slate for the sub-committee of five
included in addition to Captain New, Na-
tional Committeeman Mulvane, of Kan-
sas, Vorys of Ohio, Murphy of New Jer-
sey, and Williams, of Oregon. All of
those men are known to be friendly to
President Taft. N. C. Duncan, commit-
teeman of North Carolina, may be added
as a sixth member of the sub-committee.

The opposition appeared to grow from
an impression that Mr. New did not
treat the Southern members of the com-
mittee with due consideration in the dis-
tribution of tickets to the last conven-
tion. The Postmaster General took part
in the conferences to-day, and it is said
by those who opposed Mr. New that Mr.
Hitchcock shares their opposition.

Mr. Hitchcock made this formal state-
ment:

Statements which would indicate that
there is friction between Mr. Hilles and
myself are absolutely unfounded. My re-
sultant as chairman of the national com-
mittee was rendered in good